

REMARKS

Section numbers utilized herein correspond to section numbers in the Office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Examiner Leung's kind indication that claims 9-16 are allowed is graciously acknowledged.

10. Claim 5 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The objection is respectfully traversed.

Specifically, the Office action notes claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 5 has been cancelled, with the limitations of claim 5 incorporated into its independent claim 1. Thus, amended claim 1 now is directed to the allowable subject matter of old claim 5, and should thus be allowable.

12. Claims 18 and 20 stand indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 18 is believed to be allowable for being dependent upon amended independent claim 17.

Claim 20 has been rewritten as suggested and is thus believed to be allowable.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the recitation of "I WILL BE WRITING OTHER CLAIMS," on page 30.

Drawings

3. The drawings have been amended to overcome Examiner Leung's objections. "Annotated Marked-Up Drawing" sheet 1, submitted herewith, shows dividing walls 77 and inlet line 21 as described in the specification.

4. Claim Objections 35 USC 112

Claims 18-20

5. Claims 18-20 stand objected to as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The objection is respectfully traversed.

In response, it is respectfully noted that claims 18-20 are amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the limitations "the tank system" and "the pump system."

Claim 20

Claim 20 stands objected as being incomplete for omitting essential steps. The objection is respectfully traversed.

Specifically, the Office action notes the omission of an essential step: "pumping the cryogenic fluid from the multiplicity of tanks to the vaporizer with the pump system." Claim 20 has been amended to include the above-mentioned step and is now thus believed to be allowable.

7. **Claim Rejections 35 USC 103**

8. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 3,863,460 to Straile, in view of U.S. 2002/0046773 A1 to Bishop and U.S. Pat. No. 6,085,528 to Woodall. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Allowable subject matter in claim 5 is incorporated into rejected base claim 1 and thus claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Dependent claims 2-4, 7 and 8 are dependent upon (allowable) claim 1, and are now thus believed to be allowable.

Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and is now believed to be allowable.

9. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 3,863,460 to Straile, in view of U.S. 2002/0046773 A1 to Bishop and U.S. Pat. No. 6,085,528 to Woodall, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,570,714 to Magish. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claim 6 is dependent upon claim 1 (containing allowable subject matter of claim 5), and is now thus believed to be allowable.

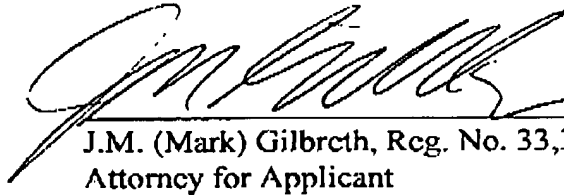
Summary

In view of the above Remarks and Amendments, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If it would be of assistance in resolving any outstanding matter in this application, Examiner Leung is kindly invited to contact applicants attorneys Mark Gilbreth (ext 102) or Andrea Tran (ext 100), or agent Mary Gilbreth (ext 101), at 713/667-1200.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWING.

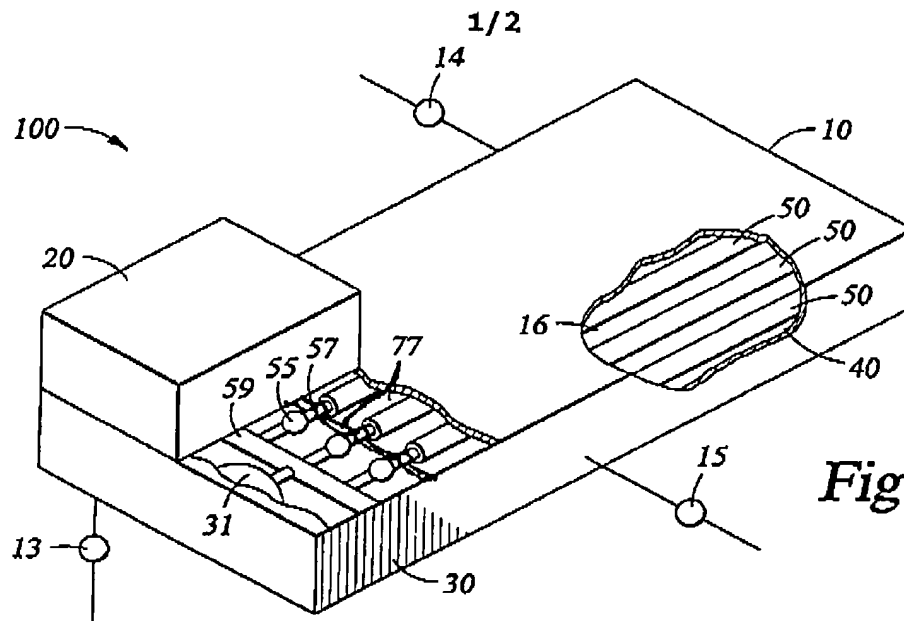


Fig. 1

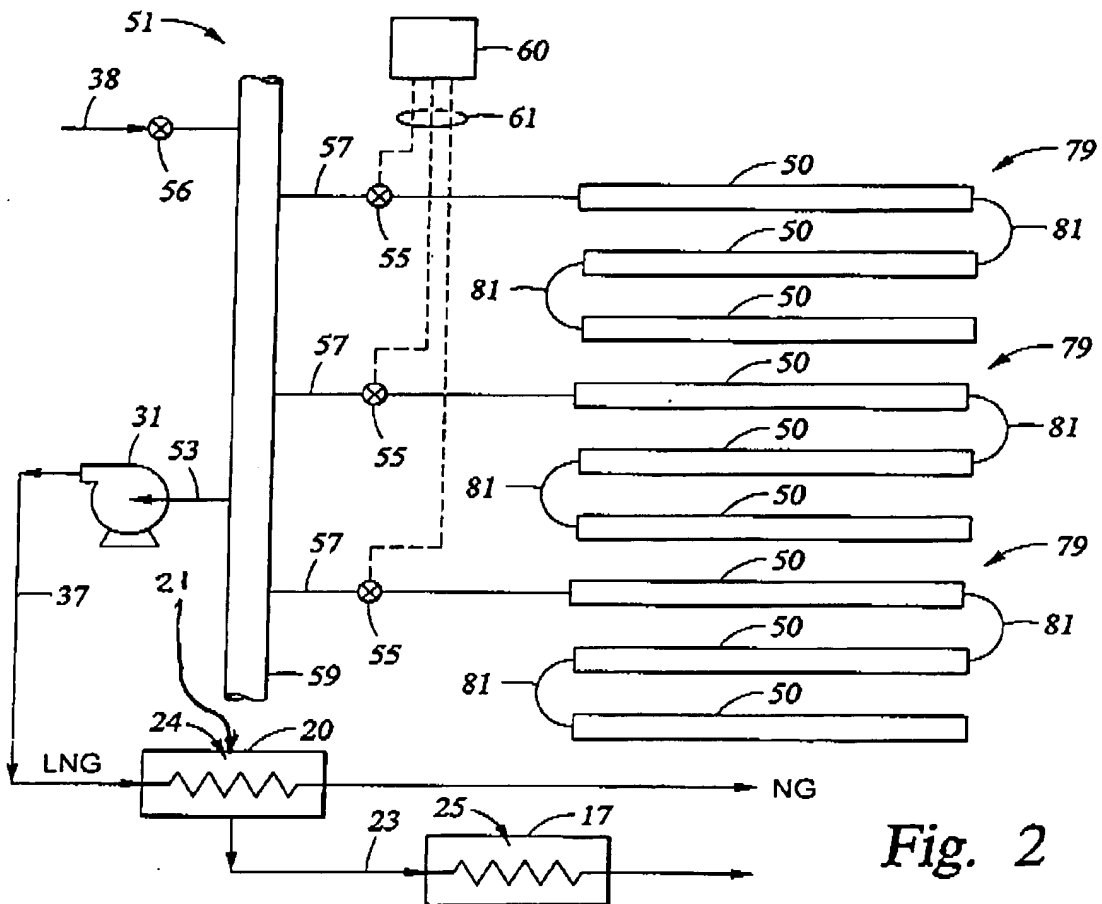


Fig. 2